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Nodes in a Graphical Program with Minimal

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 24, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 24, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. A corrected Oath/Declaration is included herewith.

Please amend the case as listed below.